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Brandenburg-Priest Airfield

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1. The Brandenburg construction headquarters belonged to the special construction bureau in Werder which was assigned to the Kech Unit in Potsdam. The postal address of the Brandenburg staff was as follows: VEB Special Construction Bureau Werder, Construction Staff Brandenburg, No 15 Kirchhof Strasse, Brandenburg/Havel. Lieutenant Colonel Kononov (fnu) was the commanding officer of the Kech Unit in Potsdam. Engineer Martin Hoffmann (fnu) was the chief of the construction staff in Brandenburg. During the period from 1 July to 19 November 1953, the Brandenburg construction staff was charged with some small-scale construction projects in addition to repair work on barracks buildings and buildings occupied by the Soviets, including the former Pionier Kaserne in Brandenburg and buildings at Brandenburg-Briest airfield. The names of the Soviet officers who had placed the orders with the construction staff were used as cover names for the projects concerned. Large-scale repair work surmounting an expense of 1,000 eastmarks were accepted by a Soviet officer of the Kech Unit in Potsdam upon completion. 1

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2. The units stationed at Briest airfield were quartered in the Goerden Landesanstalt (Mental Hospital). This installation was to be vacated in the near future and released for its original purpose. Therefore, the Brandenburg construction staff was to build temporary buildings at the field. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Kazavitzki (fnu) (phonetic spelling) was assigned to Briest airfield.

3. _____ elements of the air force unit, with Lieutenant Colonel Kazavitzki (fnu) as chief, had to vacate the Goerden Landesheilanstalt and was to move into temporary buildings which were to be erected at Briest airfield. 2

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1. _____ Comment. The information on the Bauunion Brandenburg is correct and was previously reported _____ The names and appointments of the persons mentioned are known.

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2. Comment. Brandenburg-Priest airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with Il-10s. The number of aircraft was previously reported to amount to 60. reporting this high number of aircraft had especially good possibilities of observation and had also reported correct numbers during the period when the field was still occupied by fighters. Furthermore, a total of up to 58 Il-10s were repeatedly counted with the regiment while it was stationed in Doeberitz. This tends to indicate that the regiment is equipped with more aircraft than the other ground attack regiments. Unit Kazavitzki is the OATB of the ground attack regiment

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